



ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM

Although this is not part of our mission, we have found that many of our families continue to struggle and during the holidays it is even more difficult as their loved one can no longer be present with them and the financial difficulties seem to increase. Many of our kind contributors have asked if they could help by buying gifts, donating store gift cards or donating funds that can help our families during the holiday season and after many inquiries and requests we approached several of our families who were pleased to know that others wanted to help them and their children have a pleasant holiday.

We are so appreciative of the support and energy that all our sponsoring families/businesses and groups have shown and again are offering this special program this holiday season.

In order to respect the privacy of our families we handle this program several different ways as follows:



Perform phone interviews so that we can get to know the Sponsoring Family/Business/Group and then match them to a family, the sponsoring family/business and even group of friends can then shop for their family and mail their gifts direct.



Provide a list that includes first names, genders and ages of the children and their parent's name and then accept new unwrapped gifts and/or gift cards that we send out to the families ~ many of the children have "wish lists" that we share. Please keep in mind, we have no control over the lists and you are not required to purchase or fulfill the entire list. It is a matter of choice and every little bit helps. What we do ask is that you let us know who on the list you would like to help so that we can avoid duplication.



Accept store gift cards that you would mail along with the receipt if you would prefer to receive an acknowledgement for tax purposes (this is a matter of choice).



Accept online or mailed in donations that you would mark “Adopt a Family Program” and our volunteers will do the shopping for the families with your contribution. There may be times when we will issue a check in the amount contributed that is mailed directly to our families to help them with their extra expenses, utilities, etc.

Each of our families that have been adopted receives information regarding their sponsoring family/business/group, etc.

One hundred percent of any additional contributions can be held for birthdays, next holiday season or any other special event if the contributor wishes and will be held in a fund earmarked for “Adopt a Family”.

We ask our adoptive families to share information about themselves with their sponsoring family/business/group and many of the children send hand written cards back with photos thanking their sponsors, personally. We encourage this type of relationship as it is our hope that some of our sponsors and families will continue their relationships, however, cannot guarantee that this will occur.

We build personal relationships with our families and enjoy keeping in touch with them and finding out how the children are fairing in school, socially and for our children that have unfortunate health issues knowing that they are doing and growing a little stronger everyday.

It takes a very special person to share what is in their heart with others and we thank all of our contributors for opening up their hearts to our hero’s children and spouses.

If you are interested, please email us at: yellowribbon7@msn.com. Please note on the subject line Interview/Adopt A Family, Adopt A Family List (so that we can share our list with you) and provide your full name, mailing address, telephone number and in case we need to reach you and the time you would be available should we have any questions.

Include any other pertinent information or questions you may have in your email.

Thank you for remembering our fallen heroes and their families.

The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that provides financial and emotional support to U.S. military children and spouses affected by the war on terrorism. The program has been further expanded to include families of severely disabled veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. CFSRF was founded in 2003 to honor our service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our

continued freedom.

For more information regarding our organization, please visit us online at:

www.cfsrf.org

Or phone us at: (301) 685-3421

This is a busy time for us, so please leave a message if we are unavailable to take your call.

If you know of a family that is having financial difficulties, please have them contact us or visit our website to download an application.

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.